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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES TO FOREIGN AIRLINES

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1. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF DIRECT GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO THE NATIONAL AIR CARRIER, AIR NEW ZEALAND (ANZ), DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1974, BUT INDIRECT AID WAS IN FACT RECEIVED. FOR EXAMPLE, ANZ PAID NO NEW ZEALAND TAXES DURING THE 1973-1974 FISCAL YEAR.
2. THE PAN AMERICAN MANGER FOR NEW ZEALAND SUSPECTS THAT THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT ISSUES FARE DIRECTIVES BASED ON ANZ NEEDS AND ONLY AFTER CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO. IN ADDITION, MOST NEW ZEALAND OFFICIALS MAKE A PRACTICE OF FLYING ANZ WHERE THIS IS POSSIBLE.
3. THE LATEST ANZ ANNUAL REPORT THANKS PARTICULARLY THE MINISTRIES OF TRANSPORT AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS; THE TREASURY, TOURIST, AND PUBLICITY DEPARTMENTS; AND THE INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE, AND POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENTS. WE SUSPECT THAT THESE THANKS FOR DECISIONS AND ACTIONS THAT MATERIALLY FAVOR ANZ OVER COMPETING FOREIGN CARRIERS OPERATING INTO NEW ZEALAND.
4. THE ANZ ANNUAL REPORT NOTES THAT THE COMPANY INVESTED

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NZ\$305,880 IN A COMPANY WHICH MANUFACTURES LIGHT AIRCRAFT;

NZ\$ 25,000 WAS INVESTED IN AN EXPORT TRADE PROMOTIONAL
COMPANY. BOTH INVESTMENTS WERE ENCOURAGED BY THE NEW
ZEALAND GOVERNMENT. ANZ IS OWNED BY THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERN-
MENT AND THE COMPANY'S BANKER (THE BANK OF NEW ZEALAND)
IS ALSO GOVERNMENT OWNED.
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